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STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Deputy Legislative Counsel

FROM: Walter Elder

SUBJECT: John A. McCone

1. Mr. McCone has called me twice again in connection with his interest in charter legislation. He has not heard from the DCI since Mr. McCone sent him a letter about his exchange of views with Senator Cranston. I told him that I thought a reply was in the works.

2. For your information, Mr. McCone has mapped out a schedule for the months ahead which gives him little leeway or flexibility. He plans to sit down with Senator Cranston on 8 or 9 January in California (reckoning that Congress will convene about 15 January), and he would like the following:

- An up-to-date version of the Senate bill;
- The administration's views on the bill;
- The DCI's views on the bill;
- A talking paper to use with Cranston.

3. When and if he gets a letter from the DCI "enclosing a copy of our views on the legislation," he will expect me to know all about it.

4. If I'm brought up to date, then I can keep Mr. McCone informed. It is important that we channel his efforts, but we should not expect him to parrot the administration's position.

5. What can I tell Mr. McCone at this time about charter legislation? What about the House side?

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Walter Elder

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